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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF EARLY

EARLY, TEXAS, September 29, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today the City of Early was selected to receive \$35,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. The City will use the grant funds to purchase a fire truck. All the present equipment is over 20 years old.

"This funding will provide a great asset in fighting fires for the City of Early and the surrounding area," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$991,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Brownwood Local Office at (325) 643-1585, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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